



Claims:

1 Claim:

1. (Currently Amended) A combination pack and protective device or article for outdoor activities comprising: a sheet of stretchable, water-resistant, padded and/or insulating material having at least three panels: a top panel, a middle panel, and a bottom panel, [[where]] wherein, the panels are structured and adapted to be folded along transverse crease regions; a first crease region between top and middle panel and a second crease region between the middle panel and bottom panel, wherein, the crease regions are structured and positioned to permit the top and bottom panels to be folded over the middle panel, attachments (securing means) fixed to at least two of said panels to secure the panels together when said top and bottom panels are in a position folded over the middle panel, and a waistband extending laterally from at least one of said panels to provide means for attaching the combination pack and protective accessory to the waist of a person.
2. (Original) The combination pack and protective accessory of claim 1 where a pocket is attached to the middle panel with lateral opening near to and substantially parallel to the crease between the top panel and the middle panel.
3. (Currently Amended) The combination pack and protective accessory of claim 1 [[where]] wherein all three panels are substantially equal in size.
4. (Currently Amended) The combination pack and protective accessory of claim 1 wherein the attachment means is Velcro [[.Tm..]] ® or similar textile-loop attachment.
5. (Currently Amended) The combination pack and protective accessory of claim 1 wherein the lower panel has a size of such dimension by which the bottom panel serves as a seat, padding, or insulation for small children to large adults.
6. (Currently Amended) The combination pack and protective accessory of claim 1, wherein the opposite lateral edges of said sheet have concave and arcuate edges between the middle and bottom panels with the shape of the opposed edges providing said second crease region with reduced transverse dimension.
7. (Original) The combination pack and protective accessory of claim 6 wherein notching of opposed edges provides a region along second crease of reduced transverse dimension.
8. (Currently Amended) The combination waist pack and protective accessory of Claim 1 wherein the said sheet is ~~a rubbery~~ rubber, foam, nylon, Lycra® or other

stretchable, padded, or insulated material

9. (Original) The combination waist pack and protective accessory of claim 1 wherein the material is neoprene with a thin fabric such as nylon on one or both sides of sheet.

10. (Currently Amended) The combination waist pack and protective accessory of Claim 1 where a pocket is formed in at least one panel on the invention.

11. (Original) The combination waist pack and protective accessory of claim 10 where said pocket is adapted and structured to be folded along a transverse crease region between the top panel and middle panel while providing a fabric cover and closure for the opening between the bottom panel and top panel, when the combination pack is in a closed position.

12. (Original) The combination pack and protective accessory of claim 1 in which straps, cords, buckles or other attachment means secure or wrap said accessory to a person, sports equipment or other item.

13. (Currently Amended)) The combination pack and protective accessory of claim 1 wherein at least one of said panels includes attachment means for securing additional accessories to provide more protection to various parts of the body ~~[[and]]~~ which are stored and folded neatly in the pack.

14. (Currently Amended) The combination pack and protective accessory of claim 13 ~~provide~~ provides straps, cords, buckles, or other attachment means to secure or wrap said accessories to a person, sports equipment or other item.

15. (Currently Amended) The combination pack and protective accessory of claim 13 wherein the opposite lateral edges of the said protective accessory have concave ~~[[,]]~~ and arcuate edges between panels with the shape of the opposed edges providing a region of reduced transverse dimension along it's folding creases.

16. (Currently Amended) The combination pack and protective accessory of claim 13 ~~in which utilizes~~ wherein notching ~~providing~~ provides reduced transverse crease regions along ~~opposes~~ opposed edges of the ~~[[pack]]~~ invention.

17. (Original) The combination pack and protective accessory of claim 1 wherein at least one of said three panels and pocket include additional attachments such as elastic loops, cords or other attachments at various locations for securing articles or tools to the invention.

18. (Currently Amended) The combination waist pack and protective accessory of

claim 1 where at least one of the three panels and pocket include additional pockets on the invention.

19. (Currently Amended) The combination pack and protective device according to claim 1 provides promotional use with signage. ~~further provides multiple signage capabilities with multiple folds of the invention.~~

20. (Original) The combination pack and protective device according to claim 19 provides promotional use with signage further provides multiple signage capabilities with multiple folds of invention, for a logo preceded by a slogan, for example.

21. (Currently Amended) The combination pack and protective device according to claim 1 whereas an optional version provides heat-resistant materials for sitting by campfires, for example.

22. (Currently Amended) The combination storage and protective device according to claim 1 provides ~~[[a]]~~ padded storage for ~~[[a]]~~ snow shovels, tools, video, ~~[[or]]~~ audio or other equipment.